

Colonel Alexander continued to serve the people by managing many civil works projects in southeastern North Carolina. Without the dedication and determination of Colonel Alexander, many of these projects would not have been possible. From the Wilmington Port to the Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender County beaches, from the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway to our many shallowdraft inlets, his commitment has been unwavering and steadfast.

We owe Colonel Charles R. "Ray" Alexander our sincere appreciation for his twenty-three years of committed service to our nation. His devotion to the people of the United States should serve as an example to us all.

May God bless him and his family, and may God bless this great nation.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DONALD
E. GREENE, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Donald E. Greene, Jr., on his tenth anniversary as the Pastor and visionary leader of Andrew Chapel Baptist Church in Orangeburg County, South Carolina.

Not only has Reverend Greene's leadership resonated on Sunday mornings, but he has also pioneered movements that have increased his church's membership by more than 500 members in his first decade of service. Under his guiding hand, the church has expanded physically as well. The Andrew Chapel congregation currently worships in a new sanctuary on a 33-acre site on Five Chop Road. The building, in its fifth year of existence, serves the community at large and is a reminder of what can be achieved by a deep and abiding faith and a dedicated outreach to others.

The church is truly a success story in that its members have worked to establish many beneficial programs and resources. One of its amazing successes is the Andrew Chapel Christian Academy which was established seven years ago. Under the direction of Reverend Greene, it has already quadrupled in enrollment and has inspired afterschool tutorial assistance for its students. Whether the need is for better materials in the classrooms or upgrading facilities in the old Andrew Chapel building, Reverend Greene and his church are dedicated to creating a house of worship that fits the needs of all people and attracts visitors and new members at the same time.

Andrew Chapel Baptist Church is a blessing for the Four Holes community of Orangeburg. It is establishing a rich legacy as a parish on the move with many energetic and devoted individuals driving it toward a bright future. Reverend Greene has led this congregation with a firm foundation in faith and has engaged the fellowship to serve as spiritual leaders to others around them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulations to Andrew Chapel Baptist Church and wishing them Godspeed as they continue to illuminate the virtues of moral leadership and community service. I wish the congregation many more decades of

growth and sharing with Reverend Greene at the church's helm.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 322 and 323, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDGE
CHARLES R. BUTLER, JR. ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS ASSUM-
ING JUDICIAL SENIOR STATUS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to pay tribute to the Honorable Charles R. Butler, Jr., on the occasion of his assuming senior status on the bench of the United States District Court, Southern District of Alabama. For the past seventeen years, Judge Butler has served the families of the State of Alabama with compassion, dedication, and a tremendous level of commitment.

A 1962 graduate of Washington and Lee University, and a 1966 graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law, Judge Butler was hired for his first position with Hamilton, Butler, Riddick and Denniston law firm in Mobile, Alabama. Within two years, he had moved on to work as an assistant public defender and, in 1971, was elected as District Attorney for Mobile County. In 1975, following his work as district attorney, Judge Butler went to work for Butler and Sullivan law firm and, ultimately, returned to a position with Hamilton, Butler, Riddick, Tarlton and Sullivan law firm.

President Ronald Reagan nominated Judge Butler to his position as a district judge in 1988, and he began his official duties on November 1 of that year. From July, 1994, to February, 2003, he served as the southern district's chief judge, and he moved to senior status on March 28, 2005.

Along with his many professional responsibilities, Judge Butler has also served as a member of numerous State and Federal justice programs. This long list includes memberships on the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Council, the Executive Committee of the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Council, the Eleventh Circuit Criminal and Civil Pattern Jury Instruction Committees, the Judicial Conference Committee on Criminal Law, and the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. His work in these areas, as well as his professional accomplishments, has also resulted in public recognition and many awards during his long years of public service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Judge Charles R. Butler, Jr., for his tremendous contributions to the citizens of the First Congressional District and of the entire State of Alabama. The experience and enthusiasm he brought to his job and the

concern and compassion he displayed for all citizens in our State are unquestioned and unparalleled. He has indeed been a genuine asset both to the district court and to the thousands of men, women, and children he has assisted over the past two decades. I am proud and honored to call him my friend.

Make no mistake, the Judge's talents and experience will continue to be of great value to his colleagues in his new role as senior judge, and I am confident he will continue to remain actively involved in the United States District Court, Southern District of Alabama, and the life of the Mobile community for many years to come. Along with his friends and colleagues throughout Alabama, I wish to extend to Judge Butler and his family all the best now and in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I was attending my daughter's graduation from Harvard and I regret missing rollcall votes 230–240 on June 8 and 9, 2005. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall vote No. 230, on Agreeing to the Weiner amendment to H.R. 2744, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2006; I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 232, on Agreeing to the Hinchey amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 233, on Agreeing to the Sweeney amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 234, on Agreeing to the Blumenauer amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 235, on Agreeing to the Chabot amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 236, on Agreeing to the Hefley amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 237, on Agreeing to the Garrett amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 238, passage of H.R. 2744, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2006; I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 239, passage of H.J. Res. 27, withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 240, on Motion to Table H. Res. 310; I would have voted "nay."

HONORING SIX SENIOR MEMBERS
OF THE FORT MILL ROTARY CLUB

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, six senior members of the Fort Mill Rotary Club in Fort Mill,

South Carolina are being honored for life-long contributions to their community.

All six have demonstrated the ideals of Rotary in their lives and made significant contributions to their communities, Fort Mill and Tega Cay. All are Paul Harris Fellows and all are World War II veterans. They are not only dedicated Rotarians but dedicated civic leaders, and most importantly, they are men who love their families, their country, and their church.

I want to share with my colleagues in the House of Representatives sketches that indicate the contributions of these six outstanding citizens: O.T. (Buddy) Culp, Robert C. (Bob) Hill, William H. (Howard) Jones, William C. (Bill) Kimbrell, Roderick W. (Rod) Snider, and Phillip D. (Phil) Ray.

Buddy Culp—U.S. Army Artillery, Fort Mill native, 1999 Fort Mill Business Person of the Year, Charter Member of Fort Mill Rotary Club, Sustaining Member and Paul Harris Fellow Award, Life-long member of Unity Presbyterian Church, served on the session and board of deacons several terms. Fort Mill Area Chamber Board of Directors, Life-long membership in York County Regional Chamber of Commerce, United Way and Boys & Girls Club of York County Board of Directors. Owned and operated Culp Brothers, oil jobber and convenience stores. Married to Bette Jo, two children.

Bob Hill—U.S. Marine Corps, Fort Mill native, 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award—York County Regional Chamber, Charter Member of Fort Mill Rotary Club, Sustaining Member and Paul Harris Fellow Award, Fort Mill Chamber—First President and First “Man of the Year,” Rock Hill Advisory Board of NationsBank, Retired Officers Association (Retired Major, SC ARNG), Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Former Member of York County Economic Development Board, United Way, Fort Mill Community Playhouse Past President, Member of the first York County Library Board, Masonic Lodge—Past Master, Optimist Club—Past President, Member for 60+ years of Unity Presbyterian Church. Owned and operated State Farm Insurance Agency in Fort Mill. Married to Dot, two children.

Howard Jones—U.S. Army Air Corps—saved three of his crew of four in a plane crash in combat over Italy, Member of Fort Mill Rotary Club since 1992, Sustaining Member and Paul Harris Fellow Award, Tega Cay Chamber—Past President, Carolina Historic Aviation Commission, Civic Air Patrol since 1948, Tega Cay Lions Club. Owned and operated American Management Appraisal. Married to Nancy, three children.

Bill Kimbrell—U.S. Navy, Fort Mill native, 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award, York County Regional Chamber, Charter Member of Fort Mill Rotary Club, Sustaining Member and Paul Harris Fellow Award, Fort Mill Chamber—Past President and “Man of the Year,” Member of Unity Presbyterian Church Choir for 55+ years and served on the session and board of deacons for several terms, American Heart Association, Boy Scouts of America, Boys & Girls Club of York County, Winthrop University Foundation, York Technical College Foundation Board of Directors. Married to Joanne, three children.

Phil Ray—U.S. Army Air Corps, Member of Unity Presbyterian Church and served on the session and board of deacons for several

terms, Charter Member of Fort Mill Rotary Club, Sustaining Member and Paul Harris Fellow Award. Started Ray Textiles of Fort Mill from scratch and has been running it for 25 years. Married to Fannie, two children.

Rod Snider—U.S. Navy, Member of Fort Mill Rotary Club since 1995, Sustaining Member and Paul Harris Fellow Award, Member of Unity Presbyterian Church, Good Folks of York County, United Way, Vintage Club of Tega Cay, York County Foundation Board. Owned and operated Snider Plumbing. Married to Peg, three children.

H.R. 432, BETTY DICK PRIVATE RELIEF BILL

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, and to thank Chairman POMBO and Ranking Member RAHALL of the Resources Committee as well as the House leadership on both sides of the aisle for making it possible for the House to act on it today.

The bill would permit Ms. Betty Dick to continue her use and occupancy of a house located on lands within Rocky Mountain National Park.

The bill is not complicated. It would allow Ms. Dick to continue to use the property and live in this house in Grand County, Colorado, for the rest of her life.

This is not about ownership. The property belongs to the Federal Government and is part of the National Park. There is no dispute about that.

This is strictly about whether Ms. Dick should be permitted to continue to use the property.

There is no dispute that she has had that right for the past 25 years, under a legal agreement between her late husband and the National Park Service—not a lease, but an agreement that settled a lawsuit.

There is also no dispute about the fact that the agreement ends on July 16th of this year.

Without this bill or a new agreement with the National Park Service, at that time Ms. Dick, who has been a good neighbor with the National Park and who has opened her home for community events, will have to leave.

I do not think that is either necessary or desirable.

As I said, Ms. Dick has been a good neighbor. She has taken good care of the property and has not created management or administrative problems for the National Park Service in the years she has lived there.

In my opinion, she should be allowed to continue to live on this property and continue to contribute to the National Park and the surrounding community.

I had hoped that Ms. Dick and the Interior Department could work out a resolution to this issue so that she could remain.

Ms. Dick needs to have a resolution to this issue as soon as possible—she needs to know by this spring whether she has to start packing her things and move out, or arrange to do some maintenance on the property if she is allowed to stay.

Last year I wrote to Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton, asking her to help make that happen.

However, the response—from the Director of the National Park Service's Intermountain Region—was that the Interior Department is “legally bound to honor the provisions of the [1980] settlement agreement” and that the furthest the Department would go would be to offer Ms. Dick “the opportunity to remain on the property for the entire summer of 2005,” an offer that evidently she has declined.

I am not convinced that the Interior Department lacks the authority to resolve this matter by entering into a new agreement with Ms. Dick.

But in any event, the bill would settle that question.

Since I first raised this matter with the Interior Department, I have been impressed with the outpouring of support from the nearby communities of Grand Lake and Granby, Colorado. The people in these communities have expressed a strong desire to have Ms. Dick remain on this property and be a part of their community. The bill would enable that to happen.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, it should be noted that this bill deals only with this particular property and the arrangement that has permitted Ms. Dick to use it over the years.

I recognize that somewhat similar arrangements may exist in various other parts of the National Park System, and that other Members may propose legislation addressing some of them.

I think that the right way to proceed is to evaluate each such proposal on its own and in the light of the particular facts involved.

That is what I have done in drafting this bill, and I hope that is the approach the Resources Committee and the House will take in considering similar measures in the future.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PRO- GRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3057) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes:

Mr. POE. Mr. Chairman, I want to express my support for the underlying bill. I thank the Chairman for allowing an amendment in committee, by my colleague from Missouri, Ms. EMERSON, which reverses the Treasury Department's ruling against the definition of payment of cash in advance—a ruling that hinders rice exports to Cuba.

Since this Treasury Department ruling, rice exports to Cuba have been down 66 percent. Since the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act that was passed in 2000, rice sales to Cuba had grown to \$64 million a year and last year's rice imports from the U.S. amounted to 160,000 tons. According to the President of Cuba's Food Agency, Cuba expects to import 750,000 tons of rice this year. We need to make sure this is American rice